

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, clubfoot describes a range of foot abnormalities usually present at birth in which the tissues connecting the muscles to the bone (tendons) are shorter than usual making it difficult to walk; and

WHEREAS, the most common form of treatment for clubfoot is through stretching and casting, the Ponseti method; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Ignacio Ponseti developed the low-cost, nonsurgical, highly effective Ponseti Method that is now the globally recognized standard of care for treating clubfoot; and

WHEREAS, impediments to the delivery of the Ponseti Method for treating clubfoot include stigma and ignorance about clubfoot and lack of awareness that clubfoot is treatable; and

WHEREAS, the Ponseti International Association was established in 2006 to realize the vision of a "world free of untreated clubfoot deformity"; and

WHEREAS, proclaiming World Clubfoot Day will help bring attention to specific health problems and effective interventions; and

WHEREAS June 3rd is the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Ignacio Ponseti;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, proclaim June 3, 2016 as

WORLD CLUBFOOT DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11th day of May, A.D. 2016.



A handwritten signature of Peter Shumlin, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor